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Research Interests

Semantics, pragmatics, syntax-semantics interface, clausal complementation, questions, speech acts, lexical semantics, semantic typology, Finno-Ugric, Estonian

Education

2021 (expected)   **Ph.D., Linguistics**, University of California, Santa Cruz

2017   **M.A., Linguistics**, University of California, Santa Cruz

2014   **S.B., Linguistics and Philosophy**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

OTHER EDUCATION:

Jul 2016   Estonian language (A1-A2 level)
Tallinn Summer School, Tallinna Ülikool, Tallinn, Estonia

Publications

* = *equal contribution*

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS & MANUSCRIPTS

Under review   Roberts, T. How to build a factive predicate. To appear in Wataru Uegaki & Floris Roelofsen (eds.), *The interface between logic and grammar in the domain of clausal complementation* (Special issue of *Glossa*).

Under review   Roberts, T. Inquisitive responsive predicates and the logic of contemplation.

Under revision   Nguyen, A., **T. Roberts**, P. Anand, & J. Fox Tree. Look, Dude: How Hyperpartisan and Nonpartisan Writing Differ in Online Communities.

Under revision   Kroll, M.* & **T. Roberts***. Bare adverbial responses and the typology of polarity ellipsis.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (PEER-REVIEWED ABSTRACTS)

2019	Roberts, T. I can't believe it's not lexical: Deriving distributed veridicality. In K. Blake, F. Davis, K. Lamp, & J. Rhyne (eds)., *Proceedings of SALT 29*, 665-685.
2019	M. Kroll* & **T. Roberts***. Stating the obvious: *Of course* as a focus-sensitive marker of uncontroversiality. In M.T. Espinal, E. Castroviejo, M. Leonetti, L. McNally, C. Real-Puigdollers (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 23*, 37-53.
2018	Roberts, T. The selectional restrictions of responsive predicates in Estonian. In S. Solt & U. Sauerland (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 22*.
2015	Altshuler, D., V. Hacquard, **T. Roberts**, & A. S. White. On double access, cessation and parentheticality. In S. D'Antonio, C. Little, M. Moroney, & M. Wiegand (eds.), *Proceedings of SALT 25*, 18-37. Ithaca, NY: CLC Publications.
2013	Chang, A., D. Nunez, **T. Roberts**, D. Sengeh, & C. Breazeal. Pre-pilot findings on developing a literacy tablet. In *Proceedings of the 12th International Conference on Interaction Design and Children*, 471-474. New York, NY: ACM.
2012	Chang, A., C. Breazeal, F. Faridi, **T. Roberts**, G. Davenport, H. Lieberman, & N. Montfort. Textual tinkerability: encouraging storytelling behaviors to foster emergent literacy. In *CHI '12 Extended Abstracts on Human Factors in Computing Systems*, 505-520. New York, NY: ACM.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS)

2020	Roberts, T. The root of it all: Affectedness across lexical categories. In A. Hedding & M. Hoeks (eds.), *Syntax and Semantics at Santa Cruz 4*, 77-96.

Presentations

* = equal contribution

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2020	**Roberts, T*** and K. Sasaki*. What embeds exclamatives and why. Words with Friends, Stanford University, November 13. [online]
2019	Kroll, M.* & **T. Roberts***. Polarity ellipsis derives bare adverbial responses, and stripping, too. UCSC-Stanford Negation, Polarity, & Ellipsis Workshop, November 2.
2018	Roberts, T. I can't believe what's not butter: Deriving distributed factivity. Syntax & Semantics Circle, UC Berkeley, November 5.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2021	**Roberts, T.*** & K. Sasaki*. Which predicates embed exclamatives and why. To be presented at the Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting, January 7-10. [online]
2021	Roberts, T. Argument saturation and intransitive modification: The double life of embedded clauses. To be presented at the Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting, January 7-10.. [poster; online]

2020	Roberts, T. Argument saturation and the syntactic status of embedded clauses. Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics 13, December 17-18, KU Leuven. [online]
2020	Roberts, T. Argument saturation and intransitive modification: The double life of embedded clauses. North East Linguistics Society (NELS) 51, November 6-8, Université du Québec à Montréal. [online]
2019	Roberts, T. I can't believe it's not lexical: Deriving distributed factivity. Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 29, May 15-17, UCLA.
2019	Bellik, J. & **T. Roberts**. Verbatim memory for surface features: Evidence from stress shift. CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, March 29-31, Boulder, Colorado.
2019	Kroll, M.* & **T. Roberts***. Are bare adverbial responses derived by ellipsis? Definitely. Linguistics Society of America (LSA), January 3-6, New York, New York.
2018	Kroll, M.* & **T. Roberts***. Stating the obvious: *Of course* as a focus-sensitive marker of uncontroversiality. Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 23, September 5-7, University Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain.
2018	Roberts, T. Pragmatic Licensing of Polar Questions in Estonian. Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS) 54, April 26-28.
2018	Roberts, T. The syntax of statives across categories. Linguistics Society of America (LSA), January 4-8, Salt Lake City, Utah.
2017	Roberts, T. Relating form and meaning in negative polar questions. Inquisitivity Below and Beyond the Sentence Boundary (InqBnB) 2, December 18-19, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
2017	Roberts, T. The selectional restrictions of responsive predicates in Estonian. Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 22, September 7-10, University of Potsdam/ZAS, Germany.
2017	Roberts, T. Responsive Predicates are Question-Embedding: Evidence from Estonian. Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS) 53, May 25-27.
2015	Altshuler, D., V. Hacquard, **T. Roberts**, & A. S. White (2015). On double access, cessation and parentheticality. Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 25, Stanford University, California.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

2018	Bellik, J. & **T. Roberts**. Verbatim memory for surface features: Evidence from stress shift. California Annual Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP) 2, University of Southern California, December 1-2.
2018	Kroll, M.* & **T. Roberts***. I hold these truths to be self-evident: The semantic and pragmatic contributions of *of course*. California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP) 11, UC Berkeley, October 28.
2018	Roberts, T. Bias in Estonian negative polar questions. Linguistics at Santa Cruz (LASC), UC Santa Cruz, March 10. [Poster]
2017	Roberts, T. The semantics of responsive predicates and their complements in Estonian. Linguistics at Santa Cruz (LASC), UC Santa Cruz, March 18.

2015	Roberts, T. Thinking about thinking in Estonian. California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop (CUSP) 8, Stanford University.

Experience

<small>RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS</small>

Jun 2019 – Sep 2019	University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, USA *Graduate Research Assistant* Developing neo4j backend for Códice fieldwork software PIs: Pranav Anand, Maziar Toosarvandani
Mar 2016 – Jun 2016	University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, USA *Graduate Research Assistant* NSF Grant *Collaborative Research: RI: Processing Opinion Sharing Dialogue in Social Media* PIs: Jean Fox Tree, Marilyn Walker, Pranav Anand, Steve Whittaker
Aug 2014 – Aug 2015	University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA *Baggett Fellow* One-year post-baccalaureate research fellowship Advisors: Valentine Hacquard, Philip Resnik
Jun 2014 – Aug 2014	Universiteit Utrecht, Utrecht, the Netherlands *MIT-Netherlands Researcher* SemAnTE project for Recognizing Textual Entailment (RTE) Advisor: Yoad Winter
Jan 2012 – Jan 2013	MIT Media Lab, Cambridge, MA, USA *Research Assistant* AIGRE project, a system for automatic interpretation and generation of referring expressions. Supervisor: Dustin Arthur Smith

<small>TEACHING FELLOW (INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD), UCSC:</small>

2019	**Semantics 1** (Fall)

<small>TEACHING ASSISTANT, UCSC:</small>

2020	**Semantics 1** (Fall; online)
	Instructor: Jake Vincent
	Syntax 2 (Spring; online)
	Instructor: Ivy Sichel
	Semantics 2 (Winter)
	Instructor: Jess H.-K. Law
2019	**Invented Languages** (Spring; online)
	Instructor: Pranav Anand
	Semantics 2 (Winter)
	Instructor: Donka Farkas
2018	**Introduction to Linguistics** (Spring)
	Instructor: Pranav Anand
	Syntax 1 (Winter)
	Instructor: Jim McCloskey
2017	**Pragmatics** (Fall)
	Instructor: Adrian Brasoveanu
	Language, Society, and Culture (Spring)
	Instructor: Jim McCloskey
	Semantics 1 (Winter)
	Instructor: Donka Farkas
2016	**Introduction to Linguistics** (Fall)
	Instructor: Adrian Brasoveanu

ADVISING, UCSC:

2018-2019	Honig Undergraduate Research Assistant Program
	Mentees: Madeleine King & Koy Rugama
	Project: Memory for prosodic features

Awards and fellowships

2020	Dissertation Quarter Fellowship, UCSC
2019	Summer Dissertation Fellowship, The Humanities Institute, UCSC
2015-2016	Regents Fellowship, UCSC
2014-2015	Baggett Fellowship, University of Maryland
2014	1st place, S. Klein Prize for Technical Writing, MIT
2010-2014	James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship

Service

2019-	Committee on LGBTQ+ Issues in Linguistics (COZIL), Linguistics Society of America
2015-	Organizing & Program Committees, North American Computational Linguistics Open Competition (NACLO)
2019	Coordinator, Graduate Student open house, UCSC
2018-2019	Coordinator, Semantics, Pragmatics, and Language Philosophy (SPLAP) reading group

2017-2018	Events Committee Chair, UCSC Linguistics
2014-2018	MIT Educational Council, alumni interviewer
2016-2017	Computer Czar & Editor of the WHASC newsletter, UCSC Linguistics
2014-2015	NACLO site host, University of Maryland

Computer skills

Languages	Python, R, PHP, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, Bash
Packages	node.js, NLTK, Stanford Dependency Parser, Twitter API
Programs	Praat, Audacity, IbexFarm, OpenSesame

Languages

Native	English
Advanced	French
Intermediate	Japanese, Estonian
Beginner	Dutch, Norwegian, Finnish